

Amendments to the Specification:

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Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is the national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/008385 filed July 27, 2004, which in turn claims priority to German Application No. 10335592.8 filed July 31, 2003, the entire disclosures of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present application for all purposes.

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

The invention relates to a stacking column for holding warehouse items, in particular bodywork parts, on the support arms ~~[(6)]~~ of ratchet levers ~~(7.1-7.6)~~, which pivot about a rotational axis ~~[(13)]~~ from a resting position into a working position. Several ratchet levers ~~(7.1-7.6)~~ are located above one another or next to one another and cooperate with one another. A supporting element ~~(18, 18.1, 18.2)~~, which in the working position lies on or against a preceding ratchet lever ~~(7.1-7.6)~~, rotates with the latter ~~(7.1-7.6)~~.